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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Simon et al.

Application No.: 10/757,929

Group Art Unit: 3733

Filed: January 15, 2004

Examiner: J. L. Swiger

For: BONE CUTTING TOOL AND METHOD OF
USE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-9 and 15-18, drawn to a boring tool/system, classified in class 606, subclass 79.

II. Claims 10-14, drawn to a method, classified in class 606, subclass 103.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-9 and 15-18. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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